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In re Application of
Dugan et al.
Application No. 09/421,590
Filed: October 20, 1999
Attorney Docket No. COS-98-021

OFFICE OF PETITIONS
DECISION ACCORDING
STATUS UNDER
37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision concerns the June 11, 2003 renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The previous petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed on February 16, 2000, was dismissed on April 16, 2003 for lacking the requisite showing that a *bona fide* attempt had been made to provide the non-signing inventor with a copy of the entire application before concluding that he refused to join in this application.

The instant renewed petition and the accompanying exhibits indicate that a copy of the entire application had been sent by Federal Express to the non-signing inventor, Allen Holmes, at his last known address on May 8, 2003; and that as of June 9, 2003, when the instant renewed petition was being prepared for filing, counsel for Assignee did not hear from Allen Holmes regarding this application. The petition is thus granted.

The declaration executed by the available inventors and filed on February 16, 2000 is hereby accepted. The application is now complete.

No petition fee is owed. The \$130 charged to Deposit Account No. 13-2491 on June 11, 2003 has been credited to the same deposit account.


As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), the Office will forward notice of the filing of this application to Allen Holmes at his last known address indicated in the instant renewed petition:

5375 Chambrey Drive
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Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the *Official Gazette*.

The application file is being returned to Technology Center 2100 for continued examination.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-0763.


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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS
LETTER**

In re Application of
Dugan et al.
Application No. 09/421,590
Filed: October 20, 1999
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DEPLOYING SERVICE MODULES
AMONG SERVICE NODES
DISTRIBUTED IN AN INTELLIGENT
NETWORK

Dear Mr. Holmes,

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a) (Rules of Practice for the United States Patent and Trademark Office [USPTO]). Should a patent be granted on the application, you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost pursuant to 37 CFR 1.19), or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may do any of the aforementioned through an attorney or agent registered to practice before the USPTO and presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Requests for information regarding this application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. For information on how to order a copy of the application or a specific paper in the application, contact the Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-(800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington DC area). Telephone inquiries regarding this letter should be directed to he undersigned at (703) 308-0763.

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